

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No. : 10/710,343 Confirmation No. 4342  
Applicant : Isao Misu, et al.  
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Examiner : John C. Hong  
Docket No. : 018.0024  
Customer No. : 29453

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

### **REPLY to Requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.146 for Election of Species**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of December 6, 2006, Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) Species I. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11—as likewise identified by the Examiner—are believed to read on the elected species. (This response is without traverse.)

Favorable action by the Examiner at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

April 26, 2007

/James Judge/

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